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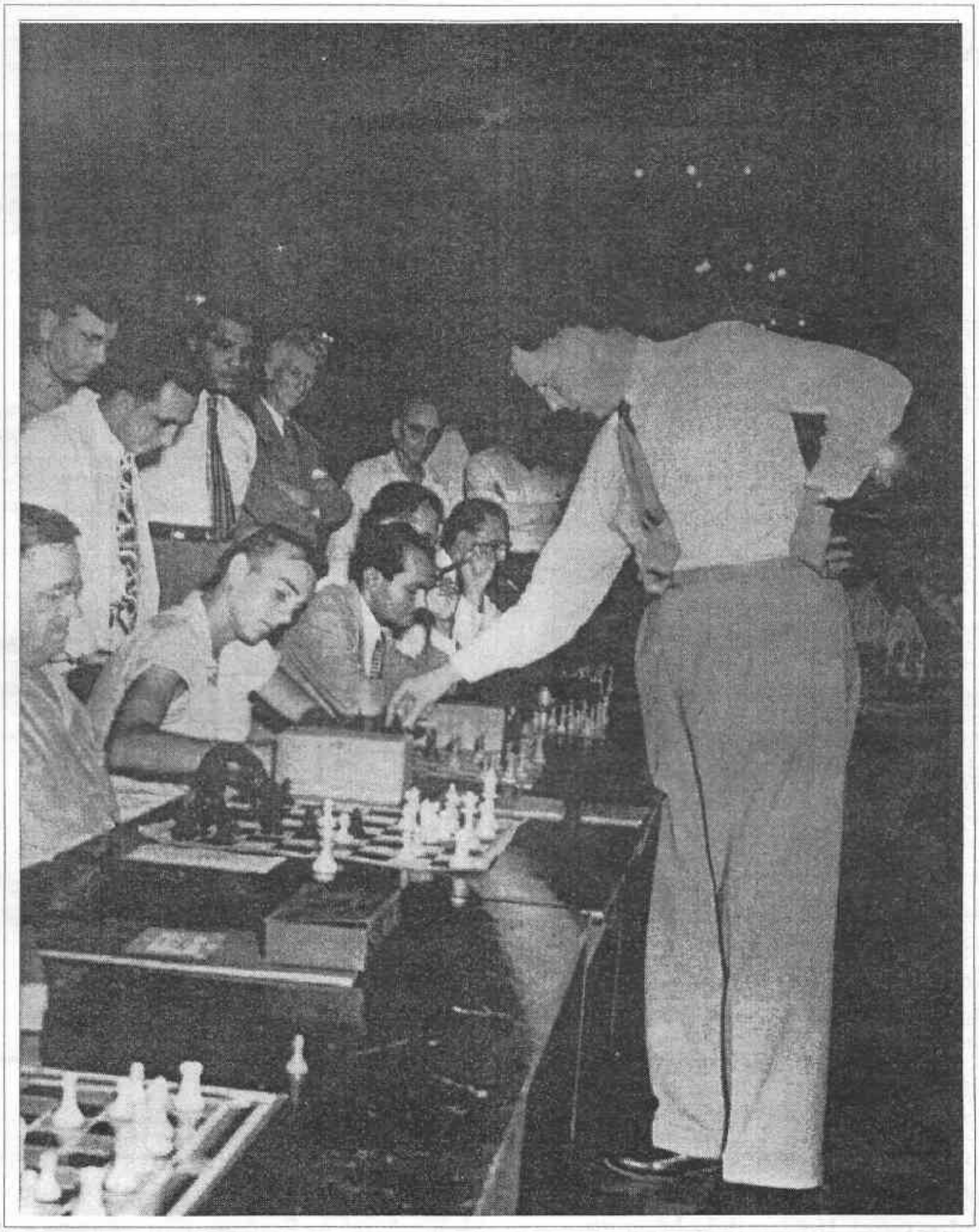

Former World Champion Max Euwe ponders his move against a teenage Mercon Weeks (now living in Mobile) during a simultaneous exhibition in the Panama Canal Zone, *circa* 1948.

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About the Cover

Chess enthusiast and promoter Mercon Weeks is well known to all but the newest members of the Mobile/Baldwin County chess community. Mercon's father, Homer Weeks, taught him the moves many years ago, and around 1948, while Mercon was in high school in Panama City, Panama, father and son were two of former World Champion Max Euwe's opponents in a simultaneous exhibition. The elder Mr. Weeks actually won his game, a fact that seems less surprising when we learn that he was chess champion of Panama and the Canal Zone at the time. During this trip to Panama, Dr. Euwe was entertained by the Weeks family in their home.

1998/9 "Heart of Dixie" Chess Tour *by Bill Melvin*

The Alabama **"Heart of Dixie"** Chess Tour is a year-long contest to help promote Alabama chess participation and competition. The 1998-99 Alabama "Heart of Dixie" tour will span from September 8, 1998 through the 1999 Alabama State Championship. For a tournament to qualify as an Alabama "Heart of Dixie" Tour event, it must meet the following requirements:

- It must be **USCF rated.**
- It must be an **open weekend tournament in Alabama (or within 10 miles of the ACF Affiliate's location) of at least three rounds** in length.
- It must be **advertised on the ACF WWW Calendar** as an Alabama "Heart of Dixie" tour event at least one month in advance. Multiple events may be scheduled for the same weekend.
- A copy of the final **wall chart** and appropriate Dixie Tour **fees** must be **submitted** to the ACF Secretary / Treasurer within two weeks of the end of the tournament.

Prize Fund

The prize fund will be formed from tournament fees of 50 cents per paticipant and other donations. The ACF is donating $100.00 to the prize fund for the "Heart of Dixie" Tour's third year. Prizes will be awarded to top players of each class by the following percentages of the prize fund:

Master/Expert:	1st, 10%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class A:	1st, 10%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class B:	1st, 8%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class C:	1st, 8%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class D:	1st, 8%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class E/Unrated:	1st, 8%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%

Conditions of Awarding Prizes

- The final class standing of a player will be determined by the August 1999 USCF rating supplement.
- Players must be ACF members to accumulate Heart of Dixie points.

Earning Heart of Dixie Points

ACF members may earn Heart of Dixie points as follows:

Each player participating in an Alabama USCF Grand Prix Dixie Tour event will earn 10 "Heart of Dixie" points. Players participating in the Alabama State Championship will earn 15 "Heart of Dixie" points. Players participating in all other "Heart of Dixie" Tour events will earn 5 "Heart of Dixie" points.

Players will be awarded additional Heart of Dixie points for their performance result in any "Heart of Dixie" Tour event. The performance award consists of the tournament score. For example, suppose Robert J. Kasparov scores 3.5 out of five at the Paint Rock Open. He scores 10 points for playing and 3.5 points for his result for a total of 13.5 points.

27th Queen of Hearts - Open* Section - February 20-21, 1999

	Player	prev	post	1	2	3	4	5	Tot
1	(GA) Stephen Muhammad	2374	2386	W 25	W 9	D 6	W 2	W 3	4.5
2	Bill Melvin	2270	2286	W 14	W 8	W 4	L 1	W 9	4.0
3	Andrew Whatley	2269	2263	D 17	W 18	W 12	W 11	L 1	3.5
4	(GA) Adam Caveney	2176	2178	W 10	W 24	L 2	W 13	D 6	3.5
5	Andy Reeder	2103	2104	L 24	W 22	W 17	D 6	W 12	3.5
6	(FL) Richard Frye	2080	2106	W 22	W 13	D 1	D 5	D 4	3.5
7	(GA) Frank Meyrath	1583	1676	D 16	L 12	W 25	W 21	W 11	3.5
8	Ray Downs	1973	1966	W 23	L 2	X	L 9	W 17	3.0
9	Tim Bond	1921	1945	B	L 1	W 14	W 8	L 2	3.0
10	John Morcos	1732	1782	L 4	W 25	L 13	W 22	W 16	3.0
11	Joseph Jurjevich	2132	2110	W 26	W 21	H	L 3	L 7	2.5
12	Robert Pruitt	1968	1951	D 18	W 7	L 3	W 19	L 5	2.5
13	Jere Roland	1900	1900	W 20	L 6	W 10	L 4	D 14	2.5
14	(MS) Uwe Frischmuth	1828	1830	L 2	W 23	L 9	W 20	D 13	2.5
15	Francis Grenier	1630	1664	L 21	D 26	W 18	D 17	D 22	2.5
16	Harry Jones	1907	1854	D 7	L 17	D 20	W 26	L 10	2.0
17	Rhodes Peele	1878	1879	D 3	W 16	L 5	D 15	L 8	2.0
18	Ross Smith	1730	1735	D 12	L 3	L 15	W 25	D 19	2.0
19	James Bowen	1625	1636	H	H	D 21	L 12	D 18	2.0
20	Giles D'Souza	1583P	1594P	L 13	B	D 16	L 10	D 23	2.0
21	James Linholm	1917	1876	W 15	L 11	D 19	L 7	U	1.5
22	Patrick Alford	1733	1715	L 6	L 5	W 23	L 10	D 15	1.5
23	Bruce Clyne	1606	1584	L 8	L 14	L 22	B	D 20	1.5
24	Ben Sides	2045	2053	W 5	L 4	F	U	U	1.0
25	James Richardson	1886	1812	L 1	L 10	L 7	L 18	B	1.0
26	Constantine Ananiadis	1765	1746	L 11	D 15	H	L 16	U	1.0

* The Reserve Section crosstable will appear in the next issue.

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